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SUBJECT: CALL BY POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS DELEGATION
ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE

1. A DELEGATION FROM POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS (PAC),
HEADED BY PAC PRESIDENT MAZEWSKI, CALLED ON DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE ON FEBRUARY 11 TO DISCUSS
THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN POLAND IN LIGHT OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES. MAZEWSKI HAD EARLIER SENT A
LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD WHICH ASSERTS THAT POLAND IS
HEADED FOR AN OPEN CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE REGIME
AND THE POLISH PEOPLE. MAZEWSKI'S LETTER ENDORSES
THE VIEWS OF THE 59 INTELLECTUALS SET FORTH IN THE
PETITION TO THE SEJM AND CALLS UPON THE USG TO REVIEW
ITS POLICIES TOWARDS POLAND. COPIES OF MAZEWSKI'S
LETTER, OUR DRAFT RESPONSE SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE ON
FEBRUARY 14, AND A MORE EXTENSIVE POSITION PAPER LEFT
BEHIND BY THE DELEGATION HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY.

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2. ARMITAGE STRESSED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN POLAND CLOSELY. WE SHARED THE POLISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY'S CONCERN ABOUT SOME OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION. WE UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT THE POLISH LEADERSHIP HAD SUBSTANTIALLY

MODIFIED A NUMBER OF ITS ORIGINAL PROPOSALS IN RESPONSE TO REPORTED CRITICISM FROM INTELLECTUALS AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THESE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH, WE THOUGHT, DEMONSTRATED A CERTAIN RESPONSIVENESS ON THE PART OF THE LEADERSHIP TO THE DEMANDS OF THE POPULACE.

3. PAC VICE-PRESIDENT KAZIMIERZ LUKOMSKI, WHO DRAFTED MAZEWSKI'S LETTER, SAID THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS APPEARED TO BE THE FIRST STEP IN A CAMPAIGN WHICH EVENTUALLY WOULD RESULT IN POLAND'S INCORPORATION INTO THE SOVIET UNION. ARMITAGE INDICATED THAT WE VIEWED THE SITUATION DIFFERENTLY. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE POLES ARE PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY, ATTEMPTING INsofar AS POSSIBLE TO ALLAY SOVIET FEARS THAT POLAND MAY BE GOING TOO FAR AND TOO FAST IN ITS DEALINGS WITH THE WEST WHILE AT THE SAME TIME MOVING FORWARD TO MEET THE LEADERSHIP'S LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT GOALS, WHICH NECESSITATE MASSIVE INPUTS OF FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY, CAPITAL GOODS AND CREDITS. THIS BALANCING ACT SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED THUS FAR. APPARENTLY THE POLES EVEN WON GRUDGING ACCEPTANCE FROM THE SOVIETS FOR THEIR POLICIES, AS EVIDENCED BY BREZHNEV'S WARM WORDS OF SUPPORT FOR FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK AT THE RECENT POLISH PARTY CONGRESS. WE CONSIDER THESE DEVELOPMENTS TO BE IN OUR INTEREST AS WELL AS THAT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON THE INTERNAL SCENE AS WE HAVE BEEN DOING, PARTICULARLY DURING THIS PERIOD OF CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW.

4. ARMITAGE THEN BRIEFED THE DELEGATION ON ON-GOING AND PLANNED INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION PROJECTS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND POLAND.
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5. MAZEWSKI SEEMED REASSURED BY THIS PRESENTATION, NOTING THAT HE HAD NOT ACTUALLY EXPECTED THE USG TO TAKE THE ACTIONS RECOMMENDED IN HIS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT. NONETHELESS, HE WANTED THE POLISH GOVERNMENT TO UNDERSTAND THE PAC'S DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION, AND HE HOPED THAT HIS LETTER, WHICH APPEARED IN THE

POLISH-AMERICAN PRESS AND WOULD BE READ BY THE POLISH
EMBASSY. WOULD UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE PAC
ATTACHED TO THIS MATTER. HE ACKNOWLEDGE; THE CLOSE
WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CONGRESS AND THE
DEPARTMENT, A VIEW SECONDED BY THE OTHER PAC REPRESENTATIVES. ARMITAGE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE

POLISH GOVERNMENT TO KNOW CLEARLY THE CONCERNS AND VIEWS
OF THE POLISH COMMUNITY IN THE U.S. INGERSOLL

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